GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS PRODUCING PSUS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to privatise fertilizers and chemicals producing Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the major PSU, Fertilizers & ChemicalsTravancore Limited at Alway is facing crisis because of its import policy; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard:

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : In so far as Fertilizer Sector PSUs are concerned, on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission, Government have decided to disinvest 51% of its holding out of 97.65% in National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), 32.74% of its holding out of 58.74% in Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) and 74% of its holding out of 100% in Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) in favour of strategic buyers alongwith the transfer of management control. The decision on disinvestment in case of Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) and Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF) has been deferred.

As regards Chemcials & Petrochemicals, Government has approved selling of the Vadodara Complex of Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited (IPCL) to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and to disinvest 25% of its equity in the remaining IPCL alongwith transfer of management control to a strategic buyer. In the case of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOC), Government has approved disinvestment of 32.61% out of the total 58.61% of Government equity.

(c) : FACT is not facing a crisis because of Government's import policy.

(d) : Does not arise.